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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lowenstein Data

Myra MacPherson's article ["Al Lowenstein's Tangled Legacy," Style, March 4] about my book on Allard Lowenstein, "The Pied Piper," omits significant facts.

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Using Mr. Lowenstein's Selective Service records, which I obtained via the Freedom of Information Act, I show that he lied about his draft status to Newsday reporter Ed Hershey when he told him he had to fight his way into the army in 1956 because of bad eyes. In fact, according to his Selective Service records, he passed his physical and was declared 1-A while the Korean War was going on.

Mr. Lowenstein received an occupational deferment which he was president of the National Student Association. It has been documented in Ramparts magazine that NSA officers who knew of the CIA/NSA link routinely received occupational deferments to avoid combat and then student deferments for graduate school. Mr. Lowenstein also received a student deferment to go to law school after his term as president of NSA from 1950 to 1951.

In 1979, while traveling in South Africa, Mr. Lowenstein reported to Frank Carlucci, then deputy director of the CIA. Mr. Lowenstein was paid \$7,000 for this expedition through the Anglo-American Corp. of South Africa. Frank Carlucci acknowledges that Mr. Lowenstein aided him in installing Mario Soares as prime minister of Portugal to stop the communists while Carlucci was ambassador to Portugal.

Through confidential State Department cables I obtained through the Freedom of Information Act, I document that Mr. Lowenstein offered money to Spanish student groups to keep them liberal as opposed to communist. At various times, Mr. Lowenstein offered money to anti-communist, anti-apartheid groups in South Africa and money to various African national liberation groups.

I told Miss MacPherson that one of my sources is a former U.S. Army intelligence officer. I must respect confidentiality. The Post often relies on confidential sources, but I relied on vast documentation that Miss MacPherson does not mention.

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